

## CHINA TO BUILD TWO NEW LINES

German Engineers Will Have Charge of the Railroads, Which Will Cost About Twenty-five Millions.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The Chinese foreign minister and German minister to China signed at Peking Tuesday an agreement for the construction in China of two railways to be undertaken by German engineers, who are to utilize purely German materials and capital.

The cost of the two undertakings is figured at \$25,000,000 but the Disconto Gesellschaft estimates the financial requirements at a much higher figure. It is yet uncertain when the loan is to be offered.

The first line is to run from Kaoma near Kiaochow on the Shantung railway southward to Hanchow where the Tien Tsin Pukow railway crosses the Grand canal.

The second is to extend the Shantung railway from its terminus at Shantu to the Hankow railway.

A mixed commission of Chinese and German is to settle the exact route to be followed between the terminal points of the lines and it is hoped that this will be done within three months so that construction may begin in 1914.

The railways are to form a part of the Chinese system under the control of the ministry of commerce but a German chief engineer is to remain in charge as manager until the loans have been repaid.

The lines will work valuable feed area to the German harbor at Tsingtau, which added by the Shantung railway, has jumped since 1900 from the 26th to the 6th degree in importance among the Chinese ports.

The Kaomi line concession was granted by the Kiaochow treaty of 1898 but was never undertaken.

## MRS. YOUNG WINNER IN STORMY SESSION

Is Voted Back as Superintendent of Chicago But Case Will be Taken to Courts For Decision.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young was voted back into the superintendency of the Chicago public schools Tuesday after a stormy session of the board of education. Seven members refused to vote on the grounds that the board had no power to reconsider the election of John D. Shoop, assistant superintendent, under Mrs. Young, who had been elected her successor. Contention also was made that the four new members of the board, named by Mayor Harrison, to replace four whose resignations he had enforced, were not entitled to their seats.

The action of the board in removing Shoop and replacing Mrs. Young will at once be challenged in court, it was announced by the opposition.

Mrs. Young's failure to be re-elected two weeks ago by the school board aroused a storm of popular indignation. Mass meetings were held and the school board and the mayor's office were besieged by delegations which demanded that Shoop resign and make way for Mrs. Young to come back.

The women's organizations, political and civic, were solidly behind the deposed superintendent. Mayor Harrison asserted that members of the school board appointed by him had voted against Mrs. Young in an "underhand way." He summarily accepted the resignations of four whose resignations had been placed in his hands when they took office. Refusal of the four to abide by this action was the storm center of the fight in the board meeting Tuesday.

The four were in their seats before the meeting convened and refused to leave. The new men were forced to find chairs elsewhere. Men and women jammed into every available corner of the board room. A squad of policemen summoned to keep order remained in the corridor and did not interfere, although during the latter part of the meeting when the Young faction got to working smoothly together, the uproar was continuous.

### PLAINTIFF WINS SUIT

Actor Awarded Damages Against Owner of Theater.

Damages for \$100 for Wacław Wojciecki in his suit against Helen Druzicka for alleged breach of contract, was granted Tuesday afternoon by the jury in superior court. Wojciecki in his complaint asked for \$770. He alleged that he and three others had been engaged to present plays at the White Eagle theater on W. Division street during the spring of 1912 and that they were discharged before their contract expired. In her answer Mrs. Druzicka alleged the actors were drunk all the time and their performances vulgar.

### PLAY IS GIVEN AT CHURCH

"Santa Has the Grippe" Presented at Epworth Memorial.

At the Epworth Memorial church a little playlet entitled "Santa Has the Grippe" was given by members of the Sunday school Tuesday night. Lloyd Colp enacted the role of a funny Santa Claus; Claude Young, superintendent of the Sunday school, took the part of "United States"; "Columbia" was portrayed by Miss Fields; "Valentine" by Carl Lovell and "King of England" by Paul Hausman.

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## OUR WHITEHOUSE BRIDAL PAIR A-HONEYMOONING IN LONDON.



MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS B. SAYRE AT THE HOME OF AMBASSADOR PAGE IN LONDON, WHERE THE FORMER MISS JESSIE WILSON, DAUGHTER OF THE PRESIDENT, AND HER HUSBAND, FRANCIS B. SAYRE, ARE ENJOYING A FEW DAYS OF THEIR QUIET HONEYMOON.

## NEW YORK OFFICE IS ABLE TO HANDLE MAIL

Despite the Huge Proportions of the Parcel Post, Packages Are Delivered on Time.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Postmaster Edward M. Morgan announced Tuesday that while the parcel post service had reached enormous proportions during the rush of Christmas business the last few days, there had been no congestion in the local postoffice. Tuesday over 500 extra collectors and 250 automobiles and moving vans were employed to take care of the traffic.

Sale of postage stamps in this city amounted to \$178,369 Tuesday, bringing the total for 23 days of December to \$2,240,991 or \$466,609 more than for the same period of last year.

## GIRL IS SOMEWHAT BETTER

Little Mabel Deitch, Run Down by Wagon, Will Recover.

The condition of Mabel Deitch, 1138 Michigan av., 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deitch, who was run down by a big express wagon Monday afternoon, is reported to be satisfactory. Dr. Walter Baker, who is attending the girl, reports that outside of a slight fever nothing serious has developed. The big wagon crushed the girl's ankle. Although it passed over her body no internal injuries resulted as at first feared.

## STABBED MAN IMPROVING

John Mazalin's Wound Not as Serious as First Thought.

John Mazalin, 1010 Fisher st., stabbed Monday night in a saloon brawl, and for a time not expected to live, is reported much improved at the Epworth hospital where he was taken immediately after the affair. Hospital nurses report him condition as satisfactory and his life not in danger.

## FRISCO TELEGRAPHERS VOTE TO GO ON STRIKE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 24.—A count of nine-tenths of the ballots cast by telegraphers in the employ of the St. Louis and San Francisco R. R. on a proposition to strike as a result of the refusal of the receivers of the railroad to grant an increased wage and an eight hour day shows 98 per cent of the men voted in favor of a strike, according to a statement Tuesday by J. A. Newman of Chicago, vice president of the International Order of Railroad Telegraphers. If a strike should be called, 1,200 men including station agents, dispatchers and telegraph operators all over the Frisco system will be affected.



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## NEW CEMETERY TO BE ELABORATE ONE

Permit Granted by Council Brings to Light Work Already Being Done by Chicago Landscape Architect Here.

Work on the new Highland cemetery, to be planned, improved, and laid out by the Highland Cemetery association, a corporation to be organized with \$100,000 capital, has actually begun, according to information given out Tuesday following the granting of the cemetery permit to the heirs of James R. Miller, at the council meeting Monday night. Homer Miller, B. B. Miller, W. E. Miller, Adam Huntsberger, Fred Woodward, V. C. Hastings and Clarence Sedgwick are back of the undertaking.

The cemetery as announced in the permit is to occupy 114 acres of the late James R. Miller's farm out Portage road, on the opposite side from Riverview. The ground lays high and rolling, 25 feet higher than Riverview, and is splendidly situated for landscape effects; "one of the best possibilities for a cemetery in the country," according to O. C. Simons of Chicago who has charge of the planning and landscape work.

Mr. Simons was in the city Tuesday and began the survey work, which is to be continued by his son until the end of the holiday season when he must return to his studies at the Wisconsin university. Mr. Simons himself is president of the American Society of Landscape Architects, ex-vice president of the National Association of Cemetery Superintendents, head of the Graceland Cemetery association, Chicago, and also the designer of the Mt. Hope cemetery, that city, and others in Grand Rapids, Mich.; Canton, O., and numerous other cities of the country.

Promoters of Highland cemetery regard themselves as highly fortunate in securing the services of a landscape architect so well versed in cemetery work, and are full of expectation for an excellent layout when the architectural plans are finally submitted.

Mr. Simons in reviewing his observations, already has in mind a perfect network of walks and drives, an artificial lake that will magnify the receding hills, an artistic chapel, receding vault, with appropriately designed entrances and exits, and system of shade trees, all of which will, when the work is perfected, excel anything yet seen in this section of the country. The plan will vary from the people as necessary of a family of three and up to 100 feet square, calculated to admit of private mausoleum, or make room for large monuments. The plan of the backers is to keep prices easy with the public eye—as low as possible, considering the expense of preparation and maintenance of the grounds.

Before launching the project a committee of the promoters visited Chicago, inspected the cemeteries there, and through a park and cemetery paper were brought in contact with Mr. Simons, whose work at Graceland, Chicago, has been well known. He has been given complete charge of the designing of the grounds—the architectural work, as it were, and the plan is to carry out his recommendations virtually to the letter.

Highland will give South Bend its fifth big cemetery, the City, Riverview, Notre Dame and Bowman being the others. The new cemetery is a capacity equal to that which the new one will afford. It is probable that the articles of incorporation of the association will be filed within the next few days.

## DISCOVERED ASSETS WERE BEING WASTED

Former Director in Radio Wireless Telephone Co. Tells Court Why He Resigned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—James Dunlop Smith discovered that the assets of the Radio Wireless Telephone Co. were being wasted so he resigned from the directorate of the fiscal agency that controlled the company's financial affairs, he testified Tuesday in federal court, where he is on trial with Lee De Forest, Elmer E. Burlingame and Samuel E. Darby, charged with misusing the mails to promote Radio stock.

Smith said he found the company was getting extravagant. He mentioned as an instance the building of a wireless telephone tower at Albany. He testified he had opposed mentioning government contracts in literature issued by the company. The witness had reference to an alleged claim of the company that a contract had been made for equipping the British naval vessels with the wireless telephone.

## WOMAN DOPED BY ROBBERS

Becomes Unconscious After Swallowing Contents of Bottle.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Two highway men entered the home of Mrs. Katie Fisher on Third av. at 8:20 o'clock Tuesday morning, intent on robbery, and when she struggled with them forced down her throat the contents of a bottle which quickly made her unconscious. She lay in her home until late Tuesday afternoon when she recovered her senses. A burglar alarm was sent out from police headquarters for her assailants.

## ONE-MAN COMPANIES ARE ALLEGED BANKRUPT

LaFollette, Tenn., Properties Valued at Four Millions to be Run by Receivers.

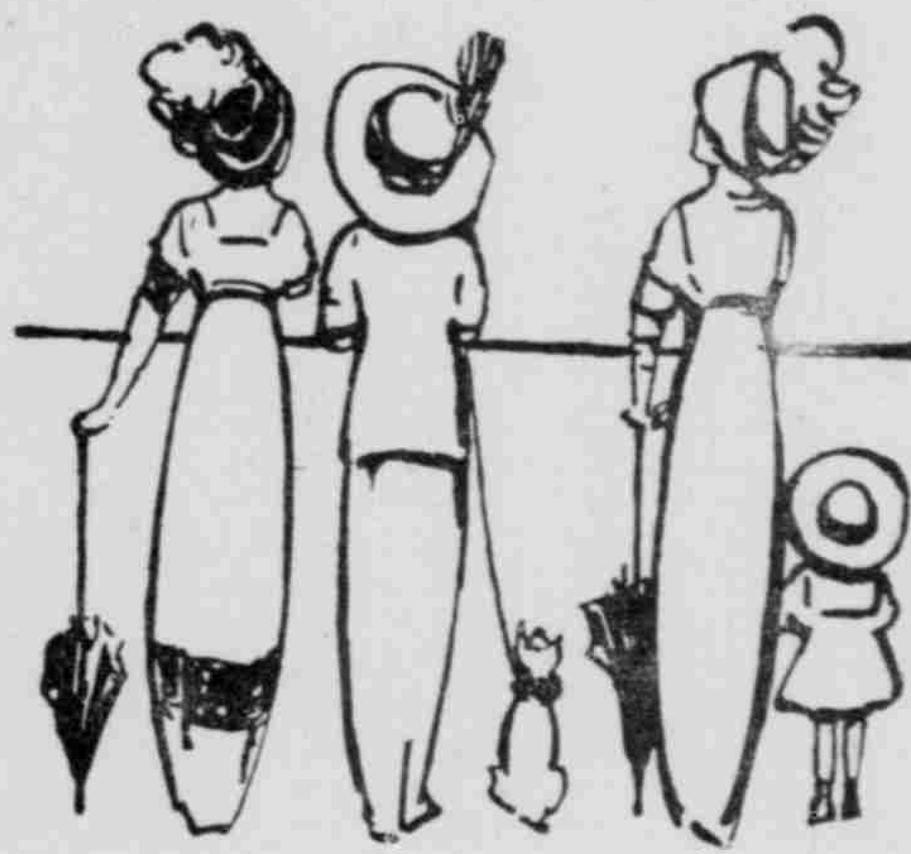
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The LaFollette State bank, LaFollette Coal and Iron and the LaFollette Co-Operative Store Co., were forced into receiverships Tuesday by general creditors' bills filed against them. All the corporations are located at LaFollette, Tenn., and are headed by H. M. LaFollette, who has been an active promoter of industrial developments in this section for 18 years. Combined assets were said to total more than the liabilities which were set at about \$4,000,000.

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYBODY

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## DEFEATED CANDIDATE ASKS \$25,000 DAMAGE

Fred Miller Charges William B. Hutchinson With Being Responsible For Loss.

Special to the News-Times.  
LAPORTE, Ind., Dec. 24.—Fred Miller, recently defeated democratic candidate for mayor of Michigan City and prominent in state politics, Tuesday brought suit in the Laporte circuit court for \$25,000 damages. William B. Hutchinson, a wealthy contractor, who is alleged to have defamed Miller by charging him with being the owner of the city's red light district and being responsible in a large measure for his defeat, is made the defendant in the sensational action.

Hutchinson is also prominent in democratic politics, though bitterly fighting Miller's political aspirations.

## FOUND NOT GUILTY.

DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 24.—U. S. Marshal Charles P. Hitch of Paris, one of former Speaker Cannon's po-

litical managers in the 18th district, was Tuesday acquitted of the charge of being connected with the illegal sale of liquors at an amusement park in Paris.

## NAVY LADS WILL HAVE TO STUDY IN FUTURE

Hour and Quarter to be Devoted Each Afternoon to Lessons Under Officers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Every American warship will be a school ship, with the advent of the New Year, Secy. Daniels Tuesday promulgated an order putting into effect his new educational system in the navy Jan. 1, and thereafter for an hour and a quarter each afternoon every enlisted man on the warships will be engaged in self-improvement under the watchful eyes of his commanding officer. Commissioned, warrant and petty officers will be designated to act as pedagogues.

Enlisted men now taking correspondence courses with outside institutions will receive assistance and en-

couragement, and those chief petty officers who are seeking promotion to warrant rank and the warrant officers who are trying for commissions, will be formed into classes for special instructions to encourage those who are ambitious.

## RECEIVER IS DISCHARGED

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—An early termination of the receivership for the Wabash railroad was suggested in a letter made public today by Frederic A. Delano, one of the receivers, who was elected president of the Monon road, Tuesday. Mr. Delano's letter was addressed to Judge Elmer E. Adams of the United States circuit court at St. Louis, of which court the receivers are officers. Mr. Delano asked that he be relieved of his duties as receiver and this the court granted.

## TO VISIT CALUMET.

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 24.—William B. Wilson, secretary of labor, is expected to visit the copper strike district soon, according to C. H. Moser, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who said Tuesday the miners were arranging to welcome Mr. Wilson.

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